What is claimed is:

for electronic billing data, comprising the steps of:

automatically obtaining billing data in an electronic format from a billing party for a billable party;

5 automatically comparing said billing data with rule data defined by said billable party; and

automatically authorizing generation of payment data if said billing data satisfies said comparison with said rule data.

- 2. The method of claim 1, wherein said rule data are comparison statements stored in a rules database.
- 3. The method of claim 1/wherein said payment data includes financial data for input to an accounting system of the billable party.
- 4. The method of claim 1, wherein said payment data includes electronic funds transfer (EFT) data.
- 5. The method of claim 1, wherein said billing data includes at least one invoice.
- 6. The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of: automatically generating payment data for said authorized billing data; and

automatically providing said payment data to said billable party for generating automatic payment to said billing party.

7. The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
generating a summary message specifying a billing data total amount to be paid; and

automatically electronically notifying said billing party of said summary message.

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- 8. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of: automatically generating billing data analysis reports for review by said billiable party utilizing said billing data wherein said billing data includes corporate billing codes.
- 9. The method of claim 8, wherein said billing data analysis reports are for review by said billing party.
- 10. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of providing interactive computer screens so that said billable party supplies analysis data for inclusion in billing data analysis reports.
- 11. The method of claim 10, wherein said analysis data includes case budget data.
- 12. The method of claim 1, wherein said comparison of said billing data with said rule data includes a comparison with rule data containing a corporate billing code.
- The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of automatically electronically notifying said billing party if said billing data does not satisfy said comparison with said rule data.

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4. A computerized method for automatically processing an electronic invoice generated by a billing party for a billable party utilizing rule data defined by said billable party and an invoice processing party, said method comprising the steps of:

electronically submitting an electronic invoice to an invoice processing party for automatic evaluation in accord with rule data defined by a billable party and said invoice processing party;

automatically evaluating said electronic invoice in accord with said rule data;

automatically electronically notifying said billing party of results of said evaluation;

automatically generating payment data for an electronic payment and designating said electronic invoice as paid, if said electronic invoice satisfies said evaluation; and

automatically generating invoice analysis reports for said billable party utilizing said paid electronic invoice.

15. A computerized system for automatically generating payment for electronic billing data, comprising:

means for automatically obtaining billing data in an electronic format from a billing party for a billable party;

means for automatically comparing said billing data with rule data defined by said billable party; and

means for automatically authorizing generation of payment data if said billing data satisfies said comparison with said rule data.

16. A computer readable storage medium containing computer executable code for instructing a computer to operate as follows:

automatically obtaining billing data in an electronic format from a billing party/for a billable party;

automatically comparing said billing data with rule data defined by said billable party; and

automatically authorizing generation of payment data if said billing data satisfies said comparison with said rule data.

17. The computer readable storage medium containing computer executable code for instructing a computer to operate of claim 16, further comprising automatically electronically notifying said billing party if said billing data does not satisfy said comparison with said rule data.